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Examiner : Mark Tsidulko
Applicant : Lee A. Chase
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For : CONTROLLED DEFORMABLE HEADLAMP ASSEMBLY

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

DECLARATION OF JASON A. GILLIAM

I, Jason A. Gilliam, declare as follows:

1. I am a co-inventor, along with Lee A. Chase of the subject matter claimed in United States Patent No. 6,502,974.
2. I have read and understand the subject matter claimed in United States Patent Application No. 10/701,859 to Lee A. Chase, including the claims.
3. My inventive contribution to the subject matter disclosed in United States Patent No. 6,502,974 does not relate to the subject matter claimed in United States Patent Application No. 10/701,859. In particular, I did not contribute to the conception of using a flexure member having a flex modulus and a tensile modulus that vary along a longitudinal direction between the lens and the housing of a headlamp assembly, a flexure member having hollow tubes extending transversely through the flexure member, or any other subject matter claimed in the '859 application.
4. Further, I can state that it is my belief based on the facts as I know them that the subject matter claimed in the above-referenced application was invented solely by Lee A. Chase.
5. Mr. Lee A. Chase and I jointly conceived the embodiment shown in Fig. 7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,502,974, including the use of fillets 280. However, I did not contemplate the use of longitudinally extending ribs having uniform cross-sectional shape and dimensions as are now claimed.

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All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issued thereon.

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